

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

Mass Times

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)
Tues (Latin), Wed, & Fri: 8:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 p.m.
Sunday: Before Mass; After 8:00 a.m. Mass
Tues, Wed, & Fri: Before Mass; 4:30-5:00 p.m.

Office Hours

Tues, Wed, & Fri: 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Adoration

The Church is open for prayer and adoration from 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. unless Fr. Drew is away from the premises.

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish, especially Barbara Watson, Sarah Hancock, Billy Joe Hill, Annie T. Nelson, Joseph Tippet, Yvonne Lennon, John Hunt, Kathy Norris, Larry Miller, John Campbell, Max Long, Gailann White, Georgia Nelson, James Davis, Tommy Johnson, Barbara Lilly, Joseph “Zip” Douglas, Josh Johnson, Alya Nelson, David Russell, and Grant Bidle.

<i>Mass Intentions for May 11th through May 17th</i>	
5/11 Sun – 8 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i> : LL SMOOCH
10 a.m.	Sage, Christine, John Hurry, Jr., and Brandon (Living)
5/13 Tues – 8 a.m.	Mary Phyllis Pilkerton
5/14 Wed – 8 a.m.	Dcn. William J. Nickerson
5/16 Fri – 8 a.m.	Rev. Y. David Brault
5/17 Sat – 5 p.m.	Dcn. William J. Nickerson
<i>Offertory totals will be posted next week, thank you for your generosity!</i>	

Schedule Change – There will be no confessions on Wednesday, May 14 at 4:30 PM.

Holy Hour for Vocations — Join your fellow parishioners in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at a Holy Hour for our five men who will be ordained for The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington on June 21, 2025. Pray, too, for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 4:00 PM here at St. Joseph’s. This year’s ordinands are
For the priesthood—

Deacon Marco Antonio Cerritelli

Deacon Louis Martin McHale

Deacon D. Gerard Gayou

Deacon Daniel Eric Morrison

Deacon Chukwuma Collins Anthony Odigwe

“The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.” Mt 9:37–38

“Every vocation, every path to which Christ calls us, ultimately leads to fulfillment and happiness, because it leads to God, to sharing in God’s own life.”—Saint John Paul II

Care Net Baby Bottle Blitz – Care Net Baby Bottles will be available for pick-up in the back of the church starting May 11, Mother’s Day. Care Net SoMD offers no-cost support and licensed medical services to women facing unplanned pregnancies in Southern Maryland - at no cost to our patients and clients. Your spare coins can change a life, transform a family, and impact generations. Here’s How it Works: Take a Baby Bottle home. Pray for Care Net SoMD and the women and families that we serve. Fill the Baby Bottle with coins, cash, or checks or fill a virtual bottle by scanning the QR code and giving online. Bring the bottle back to church by Sunday, June 15th.

May Crowning – Join us next Sunday, May 18 for our May Crowning after the 10:00 AM Mass.

From Father's Desk

My Dear Parish,

“My sheep hear my voice.” The role of the Lord’s little flock is to listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd. “I know them, and they follow me.” There is a correct response to recognizing oneself as being known by the Good Shepherd and that is to follow Him. “I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.” Can we doubt whether the final article of the Creed, “Life Everlasting,” is a thing that will fade away? By no means. The life of those following Him will never perish. “No one can take them out of my hand.” Similarly, need disciples fear that following the Lord will end only in someone or something snatching us away? No. To belong to Christ’s flock is to be given to Him by the Father—it’s to be a possession, a Son, a Daughter of God. It’s to be one with the Trinity.

With paternal affection,
Fr. Drew

Part-Time Secretary Position at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Leonardtown, MD – We are now accepting applications for a part-time position, 20 hrs. per week, church secretary Wed-Thu, 9am-4pm., Fri, 9am-3pm. For further information please call Denise, 301-475-8064 or email dbecher@saintaloychurch.org.

Drive-Thru Only Dinner at Immaculate Conception – Sunday, May 4th, 2025 from 12:00 noon until 3:00 pm. Menu: Fried Chicken, Crab Balls, Ham, Shrimp Salad Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll & Butter and Chunky Applesauce. \$30.00 per dinner. Please visit <https://icchurchmd.org/annual-parish-dinner-may>. Click on “Parish Dinner” to order and pay for your dinner by Monday, April 28th, 2025. Questions? Call 301-884-3123 M-F, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

41st Annual Rosary Pilgrimage – Saturday, May 17, 2024 at St. Ignatius Church – Chapel Point, Md. Mass will be held in the church at 11 AM followed by a procession to the Shrine of Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary where we will pray the Living Rosary led by the Knights of Columbus. A light lunch will follow in the parish hall. For more information contact us at 301-934-8245 ext. 2.

Invitation to Mass and Celebration of the Holy Jubilee – Saturday, May 31, 2025 – In this Holy Jubilee Year, the Church calls us to focus our attention on Christ, the hope of all. In him, “*hope does not disappoint*,” because “*the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us*.” (Rom. 5:5). On Saturday, May 31, 2025, the archdiocese will host a Pilgrimage, Mass and Celebration of the Holy Jubilee at the St. John Paul II Shrine and at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This gathering which will begin at 12pm and end with the 4:30pm vigil Mass, seeks to bring together the archdiocesan faithful from various parishes, cultures, and neighborhoods so we can joyfully proclaim Christ our Hope. This sacred time of joy and grace will include a music festival, catechesis sessions, Eucharistic procession, confessions, adoration, and Mass. You and your family are warmly invited to participate in this celebration. It will be an opportunity to gain plenary indulgence for yourself or a deceased loved one. For more information, visit the pilgrimage page on the ADW website <https://adw.org/event/dc-pilgrimage-and-celebration-of-the-holy-jubilee-2025/>.



Happy Mother's Day!